(c) whether the aims and objectives of the IGRUA have been achieved; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to achieve them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). In the case of single engined aircraft, the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademy is imparting training in night flying.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Harrassment to Passengers at Bombay Airport

5569. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the agents are harrnessing the passengers with connivance of staff of the airport and the Indian Airlines and offering O.K. tickets after charging extra money from them; and

(b) whether the Government have received complaints of hardships and harrassments to passengers at Bombay airport;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to curb this malpractice at all domestic airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Some complaints have been received in this regard.

(c) Certain surprise checks carried out by security and vigilance officials of Indian Airlines on their own and alongwith C.B.I. revealed that some agents were indulging in black marketing of Indian Airlines tickets. They were misleading the Gulf passengers by speaking in their ianguages and offering them O.K. tickets after charging extra money.

(d) In order to curb this malpractice, surprise checks are being carried out regularly by the officials of Indian Airlines, along with the CBI, at the airports covering high density flights. The following steps being taken to curb this menance:-

1. Thorough checking of the tickets at the entry gates so that only bonafide passengers gain entry in the terminal building.

2. In coordination with the agencies, raids to apprehend the persons involved in the racket.

3. Augmenting the strength of policemen in plan clothes and intensifying the patrolling to apprehend the offenders.

4. Indian Airlines to display a board for information of passengers regarding availability of seats in the south bound flights.

Extension of Calcutta Circular Railway

5570. PROF. MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the circular railway in Calcutta from Princep Ghat to Majherhat;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to get the project cleared by the Port Trust; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Extension of Calcutta Circular Railway from Princep Ghat to Majerhat involves use of Culcutta Port Trust (CPT) land. Matter regarding transfer of the required land to the Railways has been taken up with the CPT authorities.